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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



CLINTON EAGER TO DO BUSINESS WITH PUTIN

By Michael R. Gordon

When acting President Vladimir Putin met behind closed doors last month with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright he made an unusual appeal that Russia be considered a member of the Western club. Putin said that he liked to eat Chinese food, knew how to use chopsticks and regularly practiced judo. "But that's exotic stuff," Putin said. "That's not our mentality. Our mentality is European." The Clinton administration has a lot riding on a Putin election victory, and has been heartened by his remarks about the need to integrate Russia with the West.

On economics, Putin has signaled that he wants to establish the foundations of a modern capitalist state. He understands that Russia must attract foreign investment and overhaul its industries to become a world power. To this end, Putin has talked about overhauling the tax code, protecting the rights of shareholders, phasing out subsidies to money-losing enterprises and tackling politically dicey issues like establishing the right to own land. Economics, however, is just one part of the agenda. Arms control and foreign policy are also important. And while President Clinton has said Putin is someone "we can do business with," Putin's nationalism, his background as a KGB officer and his domestic constituency may make him less coop-

erative than Washington would like. The Russian military, for example, is strongly opposed to Washington's proposed anti-missile program. And though Putin recently restored ties with NATO, the political climate in Russia is not conducive to wrenching compromises with the West. Even with the best of intentions a strategic alliance between the United States and Russia remains a remote possibility. Putin is not only likely to re-energize relations with the West he is likely to intensify diplomacy with the former Soviet republics, Iran and China.

BRINGING ON SUPPLIES



The ship used its sideport cranes to take on supplies while anchored off Bahrain. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS FACE CHOICE

By Rick Bragg

Esta Pierre used a doctored passport to leave Haiti in 1993. She married a Haitian immigrant. They had two children, Jean, now 6, and Gaelle, 21 months. Pierre has received a deportation order from the Immigration and Naturalization Service and could be sent back at any time. Her husband, who also entered the country on a fake passport, has also been ordered back. Their children are citizens by birth-right and cannot be deported.

Pierre must someday choose. To keep her children, she has to take them to a place she still sees in nightmares. If she wants them to stay in the U.S., she must leave them. Some 3,000 Haitians face the prospect of leaving their children if they are deported.

In 1997, Congress granted amnesty to Cubans and Nicaraguans who came to the United States before December 1995. Haitians were excluded from that legislation. When Congress passed a similar law for Haitians, it failed to include protections for those who arrived with a fake passport.

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STOCK MARKET

MAJOR STOCK PRICE DECLINE

By New York Times

Stock prices declined as investors took profits in companies that have been big winners so far this year and Abby Joseph Cohen, the influential stock market strategist at Goldman-Sachs, announced she had pared the exposure to stocks in her model portfolio to 65 percent, a reduction of 5 percentage points. Intel was a big drag on major market indexes; its stock price fell 7 points Tuesday, to 135 11/16.

The decline helped to pull the Dow Jones industrial average down 89.74 points, or 0.8 percent, to 10,936.11. Intel, Cisco Systems and Sun Microsystems were big losers among the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, which slumped 16.13 points, or 1.1 percent, to 1,507.73. The index fell 124.67 to 4,833.89.

FRIDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 MOESHA

1100 MR. MAGOO

1630 THE PRACTICE

1730 JEOPARDY

1800 BEVERLY HILLS 90210

1900 MELROSE PLACE

2000 I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID

LAST SUMMER

2200 DROP DEAD GORGEOUS

CHANNEL 6

1030 JUST SHOOT ME

1100 COMING TO AMERICA

1630 FIERCE CREATURES

1800 JAKOB THE LIAR

2000 NAKED GUN 33 1/3:

FINAL INSULT

2130 TERMINATOR 2: JUDGEMENT DAY

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH WANTS TO PAY FOR LITERACY

By Clifford J. Levy

Mooring a traditionally Democratic issue to the agenda of his Republican presidential campaign, Gov. George W. Bush of Texas proposed a five-year, \$5 billion program Tuesday to address what he termed a national literacy crisis among children.

Bush said the program would provide grants to states to test reading in kindergarten and first grade, to make tutoring available to poor readers and to train teachers. He soberly contrasted the nation's economic success with its educational failings, and declared that he would bring the same improvements in reading on the national level that he said he had achieved in Texas.

He said every child should know how to read by third grade, and vowed that states that failed to improve performance would lose federal aid. "There is nothing more fundamental than teaching our children how to read," Bush said in a speech in Reston, Va. "America must confront a national emergency," he said. "Too many of our children cannot read. In the highest-poverty schools in America, 68 percent of fourth-graders could not read at a basic level in 1998."

Aides to Bush said his plan would help roughly 900,000 children with poor reading skills, at a cost of \$1,000 per child per year for tutoring and other assistance. Besides that \$900 million, an additional \$100 million a year would go to testing and teacher training. Aides to Vice President Al Gore said Bush's tax-cut proposal would leave no money for education initiatives. Since the fall, Bush has introduced a variety

of education proposals, but none of the others would entail spending anywhere close to \$5 billion. That sum is dwarfed by the \$115 billion that Gore would spend for new education initiatives over 10 years.

CLINTON VIOLATED WILLEY'S PRIVACY

By Associated Press

A federal judge ruled that President Clinton "committed a criminal violation of the Privacy Act" by releasing letters that cast doubt on the reliability of a woman who accused him of making a sexual advance in the White House.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth ordered White House lawyers to answer questions they previously refused in a lawsuit brought by the conservative legal group Judicial Watch which has filed numerous suits against the Clinton administration.

"This court finds that the plaintiffs have presented facts that establish a criminal violation of the Privacy Act," Lamberth ruled. Such a violation is a misdemeanor. The judge, a Republican appointee, added that evidence in the case "established that the president had the requisite intent for committing a criminal violation of the Privacy Act" when he authorized the release of the letters in the midst of the 1998 criminal investigation that led to his impeachment and acquittal.

The White House released Kathleen Willey's letters the morning after a 1998 TV appearance in which she alleged the president made an unwanted sexual advance next to the Oval Office in 1993. Presidential aides used the letters to cast doubt on Willey's allegations.

FLEET AND FAMILY QUALITY OF LIFE

By Vice Adm. N. R. Ryan, Jr.

This NAVADMIN is part of our ongoing efforts to spread the word in Navy Quality Of Life (QOL) initiatives and projects that support our Sailors and families. Positive feedback suggests that we continue to spread the word on what Navy leadership is doing to help Sailors meet their QOL needs.

This month's list of innovative QOL ideas, programs, and interesting facts includes the following:

Have you checked your rating roadmap lately? Under the new Navy College Program (NCP), rating roadmap highlights recommended college credit that can be earned within individual ratings through Navy training, qualifications and work experience. Also under the program, the Sailor/Marine American council on education Registry Transcript (SMART) displays recommended college credits earned for Navy training and past work experience. Sailors may request an unofficial individual copy of their transcript or have an official copy sent to an educational institution by contacting their local Navy college office.

When was the last time you went to the mall, the Lifelines

quality of life mall that is? QOL mall provides information and editorial articles through an on-line worldwide web environment that delivers everything from community support to on-line training to basketball safety. Since our last update, the following Internet sites and hotlinks have been added: Homeport Change Kit, Overseasman's Manual, Immigration, and the Naturalization and Marriage to Foreign Nationals Program. Future programs will include the sponsor program and a special training program on InterCultural Relations (ICR) to better support Sailors and families relocating outside of the U.S.

Also, a new law expands Montgomery G.I. Bill (MGIB) benefits. Officers who lost MGIB program benefits upon commissioning because their prior enlisted service was insufficient to establish eligibility may now be eligible for MGIB program benefits. Benefits may be restored to use for graduation or doctoral work if you had no break in service.

More MGIB good news. MGIB program benefits are now payable for preparatory courses for college and graduate school entrance exams (LSAT, GMAT, GRE, etc.).

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

In conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2000 National Health Information Center observance of National Nutrition Month, March's health promotion message addresses nutrition and dietary performance. The intent of this message is to increase awareness of the importance of a sound and balanced diet, and it's impact on military performance.

National Nutrition Month is a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually by the American Dietetic Association. The slogan for 2000, "Food & Fitness: Health for a Lifetime" reinforces the importance of nutrition and physical activity as key components of healthy lifestyles. The slogan communicates the flexibility of nutrition recommendations, dietary guidelines, and the use of the food guide pyramid as the framework for daily food choices that can be personalized to each individual's food preferences, nutritional needs, health status, and lifestyle.

The United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services have produced "Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2000". These guidelines provide a platform for telling all Americans that healthy eating and physical activity are key to a healthy, productive, energetic life.

The basic healthy guidelines for building a healthy life are:

- let the food guide pyramid guide your food choices
- eat a variety of grains, especially whole grains, daily
- eat a variety of fruits and vegetables daily
- choose a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol
- choose beverages that limit your intake of sugars
- use less salt with your food
- if you drink alcoholic beverages, exercise moderation

By following these nutritional guidelines, Marines and Sailors can promote health and reduce the risk for chronic diseases such as heart disease, certain cancers, or diabetes. These diseases are the leading causes of death and disability among Americans.

BIOTECHNOLOGY PROTESTORS MARCH THROUGH BOSTON *By New York Times*

In what organizers called the largest U.S. demonstration against genetically engineered food, more than 1,500 protesters marched through downtown Boston Sunday and ended up outside Bio2000, a major biotechnology industry convention, where they pointed their fingers at the suited scientists watching from the windows and shouted, "Shame on you!" In a pre-emptive salvo, about 2,000 scientists from around the world signed a "Declaration in Support of Agricultural Biotechnology."

OSCARS

'AMERICAN BEAUTY' WINS TOP OSCAR

By Rick Lyman

"American Beauty" took home five Oscars, including best picture. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences could hardly restrain itself from tossing rose petals at the bayonet-edged comedy about a pair of the most dysfunctional suburban households in movie history. Kevin Spacey won the best actor award as the film's narrator, a lovesick 40-something going through his painful second adolescence.

Sam Mendes won the director's prize for his first film, while Alan Ball won the original screenplay award for his first produced film. Conrad Hall won his second Oscar (his first, 31 years ago, was for "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"). Not a bad evening for DreamWorks, the mini-studio formed by Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen that made "American Beauty" and was having its best Oscar night ever.

Hilary Swank, 25 won the award for best actress for playing a young woman who pretended to be a man in the independent film "Boys Don't Cry." "The Cider House Rules," an adaptation by the director Lasse Hallstrom of John Irving's novel about the residents of a Maine orphanage, won awards for Michael Caine's supporting performance (his second Oscar) and for Irving's adapted screenplay.

"The Matrix" was popular in the less heralded categories, winning for best film editing, best sound, best sound effects editing and best visual effects. Angelina Jolie, who played an ostentatiously rebellious mental patient in "Girl, Interrupted," won the award for best supporting actress.

SPORTS

March 29, 2000 Scores

NBA SCORES:

Philadelphia 111	Indiana 101
Orlando 94	Miami 69
Denver 112	New Jersey 110
Houston 123	Chicago 78
Milwaukee 99	Boston 84
Minnesota 106	Toronto 101

NHL SCORES:

Detroit 8	N.Y. Rangers 2
St. Louis 1	Chicago 1
Colorado 2	Dallas 1
Carolina 4	N.Y. Islanders 1
Montreal 3	Tampa Bay 1
Los Angeles 4	Atlanta 1

CONGRATULATIONS!

Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist

CTOC (SW) Gregory S. Hutton

Senior Sailor of the Quarter

BM1 (SW/AW) Richard Williams

Sailors of the Quarter

FC2 (SW) Greg Folkins

HM3 (FMF) Brian Tamborough

Junior Sailor of the Quarter

PNEN Jessica Kelly

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New Jersey 111	Indiana 106
Toronto 99	Cleveland 96
Miami 81	Phoenix 78
Atlanta 116	Denver 111
Orlando 122	Boston 87
Philadelphia 102	Minnesota 100
Sacramento 103	New York 95

NHL SCORES:

Pittsburgh 3	New Jersey 2
Washington 5	Atlanta 2
Dallas 4	Los Angeles 2
Ottawa 5	Philadelphia 2
Nashville 3	NY Islanders 2